Bomb Blast in Brahmaputra Mail

2667. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a substantial number of Delhi bound Brahmaputra Mail passengers were killed in a recent train blast in Kokrajhar district of Assam;

(b) if so, the number of passengers killed and those injured in the train blast;

(c) the outcome of the inquiry conducted by Government into the incident; and

(d) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) As per available information, 33 persons were killed and 70 others injured.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Government has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in Assam under control. These include, inter alia, deployment of Para-Military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-Military & State Police for counter-insurgency operations, declaration of United Liberation Front of Asam (ULFA), National Democratic Front of Boroland (NDFB) and National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN (1)) as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Regular review of the situation, both at State and Central Govt. level, is also being made.

Fire Incidents in the Country

2668. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures are being taken by Government to save thousands of lives and property worth crores of rupees lost every year due to fire incidents in the country and for modernisation of fire services; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, and if no measures are being taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) It is primarily for the State Governments to ensure effective fire prevention measures, including strengthing of fire services. The Central Government, on its part, is providing the following assistance to the State Governments:—

(i) Financial assistance for modernisation of fire service.

(ii) Training to fire personnel through the National Fire Service College, Nagpur.

(iii) Advising the State Governments to adopt a number of standards/ specifications on various types of fire fighting equipments.

(iv) Advising the State Governments on the preventive and other measures necessary to not only reduce the incidents of and damage from fire but also to bring greater awareness on the issue in the public.

संविधान के अनुच्छेद 310 का उन्मूलन

2669. श्री शिव चरण सिंह:
श्री गोविन्दराम निरी:

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या कुछ राज्य सरकारों ने भारत के संविधान से अनुच्छेद 310 का उन्मूलन करने का सुझाव दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसे राज्य कौन-कौन से हैं; और

(ग) सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है?